

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 3, 2001

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION**

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**DOCKET NO.
01-00526**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

This matter came before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the filing of a *Motion for Extension of Time* filed by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association, XO Tennessee, Inc., and US LEC of Tennessee on August 1, 2001. Movants request that the Pre-Hearing Officer grant an extension until August 29, 2001 to file comments on the modified Interconnection Agreement filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on July 30, 2001.

On July 13, 2001, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") issued a notice requiring BellSouth to modify the Interconnection Agreement located at "http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/become_a_clec/html/ics_agreement.html" to reflect all Authority decisions in other arbitration proceedings, generic dockets, and enforcement proceedings and file the modified Interconnection Agreement with the Authority on or before July 23, 2001. This same notice also instructed interested persons and entities to file comments on the modified Interconnection Agreement and petitions to intervene, unless previously filed, on or before August 2, 2001.

On July 18, 2001, BellSouth filed a letter to the attention of the Executive Secretary requesting an extension until August 3, 2001 to file the modified Interconnection Agreement. On July 24, 2001, the Pre-Hearing Officer issued a notice requiring BellSouth to file its modified Interconnection Agreement

on or before July 30, 2001. The notice also extended the date by which interested persons and entities were required to file comments and petitions to intervene to August 9, 2001.

As instructed, BellSouth filed its modified Interconnection Agreement on July 30, 2001. Movants filed the subject motion on August 1, 2001. Movants contend that additional time is needed to file comments because the modified Interconnection Agreement is lengthy and complex. Movants also contend that they are heavily involved in other proceedings in Tennessee and other states.


The Pre-Hearing Officer is of the opinion that this docket should proceed with limited delay, but also recognizes that the modified Interconnection Agreement is lengthy and covers numerous complex topics. Moreover, the Pre-Hearing Officer is aware that there are several dockets of particular significance on-going in Tennessee. Therefore, it is the determination of the Pre-Hearing Officer that the motion should be granted such that the filing deadline is extended for two weeks.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Motion for Extension of Time* filed by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association, XO Tennessee, Inc., and US LEC of Tennessee on August 1, 2001 is granted such that all interested persons or entities shall file comments and petitions to intervene, unless previously filed, by no later than **Thursday, August 23, 2001.**


Julie M. Woodruff
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary